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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 27, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 27, 2004, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response April 27, 2004.

Applicant hereby requests an extension of time for one month until May 27, 2004, and is concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for one month accompanied by the appropriate government fee. If for any reason the formal request for extension of time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or any fees are needed to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time fees, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No.

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Entry of the instant amendment, with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.